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India's Women Health Campaign sets 3 Guinness World Records

New Delhi: India has achieved three Guinness World Records under the nationwide 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan' (SNSPA), a campaign focused on preventive and women-centric healthcare. The records were set for the most people to register on a healthcare platform in one month, at over 3.21 crore, the most people to sign up for breast cancer screening online in one week, at over 9.94 lakh, and the most people to register for vital signs screening online in one week at the state level, at over 1.25 lakh.



Lowest Number Of Women Candidates In Bihar Elections In 15 Years

Patna: As the electoral battle in Bihar intensifies, political parties continue to reach out to women voters but appear to have forgotten to give tickets to female candidates. In all, 258 women are contesting this election as against 2,357 male candidates. With 15 days left for the polls, women voters are being considered a key segment, particularly for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).



AHUDA receives six petitions

Anantapur: AHUDA Chairman TC Varun clarified that every layout under the jurisdiction of Anantapur Hindupur Urban Development Authority needs to be regularised. He said that since AHUDA has a wide scope, a special grievance program is being organised in the AHUDA office every Thursday to resolve problems. On Thursday, Chairman TC Varun and Vice Chairman received six petitions for the grievance organised. He instructed AHUDA officials to examine them and provide a solution as soon as possible. Later, in a review held at the AHUDA office, Chairman TC Varun said that development work should be expedited in NTR Township and MIG layouts within AHUDA limits. Infrastructure should be provided with the aim of providing better services to every flat buyer. Work should be started to construct pink toilets in the city under the auspices of AHUDA. He ordered that strict action should be taken if illegal layouts are built within AHUDA limits. AHUDA Secretary Ramakrishna Reddy, Planning Officer KMD Ishaq, Executive Engineer Dushyant, Saraswathi, DE Revanth, JPO Harish Chaudhary, Public Health Department Executive Engineer Jyoti and others participated in the programme.

Sensational verdict in the murder case of former Chittoor city mayor and his wife-Death sentence for five accused finalized

- Chittoor District 9th Additional Court delivers verdict - Accused shifted to Kadapa District Jail



From Our Staff Reporter Chittoor, October 31 : The court has delivered a sensational verdict in the murder case of former Chittoor city mayor Katari Anuradha and her husband Katari Mohan. The Chittoor District Court, which found the five guilty, has given its verdict finalizing the death sentence for them. It is known that on November 17, 2015, the mayor and her husband Katari Mohan were murdered in the mayor's chamber. The Chittoor District 9th Additional District Court has confirmed the death sentence to Mayor Katari Anuradha and his wife, who had created a sensation in the state almost ten years ago, after the facts were proved that their son-in-law, Sriram achandra sekhar alias Chintu, who was registered as A1 in the case, had killed them along with four

others. In fact, on November 17, 2015, the then first mayor of the city, Katari Anuradha, and her husband Katari Mohan, who were in their chambers in the Chittoor Municipal Corporation office, were suddenly entered by their son-in-law Chintu wearing a burqa used by Muslim women. In this incident that took place in the blink of an eye, Chintu first shot his mother-in-law Katari Anuradha on the forehead with a pistol at point blank range, causing her to collapse and die on the spot. Later, upon hearing the gunshots, the mayor's husband Katari Mohan, who had reached the mayor's chamber, was attacked with knives by Chintu and his followers. Katari Mohan was seriously injured. Thinking that the mayor and his wife had been killed, Chintu and his followers also attempted to kill her follow-



ers near the mayor's chamber. Realizing the incident, the followers of the mayor and his wife fled the municipal corporation office with their lives in their hands. However, the mayor's husband Katari Mohan, who was lying in a pool of blood after being attacked with a knife, was rushed to the Vellore CMC Hospital in a special vehicle for better treatment. He died the same day while receiving treatment there. After the murder, Chintu and his followers jumped down from the terrace of the municipal corporation office and fled in vehicles that were already parked and ready at the municipal office nearby. In this context, the murder of the mayor couple created a sensation across the state at that time. Upon receiving information about the murder of the mayor couple, the Chittoor town police reached the scene and based on the primary evidence collected, registered a case against Chintu and 22 other people under various sections and investigated. Later, a few days later, the accused in the case were arrested and sent to remand. After the investigation of

the case began, Kasaram Ramesh of Srikalahasti, who was named as an accused in the case, was found not to be related to the case and was exempted from the case. Similarly, during the investigation of the case, a person named Srinivas, who was arrested on the grounds that he had serviced the pistol used to kill the mayor, died of illness. The investigation of witnesses in the case involving the remaining 21 people has been ongoing since 2022. In this context, on the 26th of this month, the court found A1 Chandrasekhar alias Chintu, A2 Venkatachalapathi, A3 Jayaprakash Reddy, A4 Manjunath, and A5 Venkatesh guilty of the crime. With this, the case against the remaining 16 people in the case was dismissed on the same day. However, the final hearing was held again on Thursday and Friday against the five convicts whose crime was proven. In this sequence, as the evidence was strong, the court sentenced the five accused who faced the final hearing and Judge Dr. K Srinivasa Rao delivered the verdict at 10.55 am on

Friday. During the hearing, people belonging to the Chintu and Kathari communities reached the court in large numbers. In this sequence, there was some tension in front of the district court. However, as the Chittoor town police had made tight security arrangements, no untoward incidents took place. After the court verdict, the convicts who were sentenced to death were taken to the Kadapa District Jail. On this occasion, Katari Hemalatha, daughter-in-law of the late mayor and his wife, former mayor of the city and current chairperson of Chittoor Urban Development Authority (CHUDA), told reporters that justice has finally prevailed in the murder case of her in-laws and the respect of the Chittoor court has also increased with the death sentence to the convicts. He said that this verdict will surely disturb those who want to commit murders in the same order. Meanwhile, Public Prosecutor Shailaja on behalf of the prosecution and prominent High Court advocate Vijayachandra Reddy on behalf of the convicts presented their arguments.

Justice should be done to everyone affected by Cyclone Montha: Pawan Kalyan

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 31 : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has directed the officials to provide justice to everyone affected by Cyclone Montha. Pawan Kalyan held a review meeting with the Kakinada District Collector and officials of various departments at the AP Secretariat here on Friday through video conference. On this occasion, the Deputy CM issued key orders to the officials on post-cyclone relief measures. He directed them to prepare detailed crop loss and property damage estimates in Kakinada district. Pawan Kalyan also inquired about the flood-affected situation in Pithapuram constituency. He sug-



gested that a comprehensive plan be prepared for the protection of coastal villages in Kakinada district. He ordered that justice be done to every farmer who lost his crop. He ordered that steps be taken on a war footing to strengthen the Yeleru canal embankment. Pawan Kalyan suggested that justice be done to the cotton farmers of Mallavaram.

Steps underway towards a permanent resolution to Papampeta land dispute



Anantapur: In a significant move towards resolving the long-standing Papampeta land dispute, local leaders MLA Paritala Sunitha and Paritala Sriram have assured residents of a permanent and fair settlement. Over the past few days, several complaints have surfaced from residents alleging that their residential plots and lands in Papampeta were being encroached upon by others. Responding to these grievances, Sriram had earlier announced that he would personally meet the affected families and community elders to discuss the issue in detail. As promised, Sunitha and Sriram held an extensive meeting with the victims and local elders at his camp office. The discussion focused on ensuring a comprehensive and lasting solution rather than a temporary arrangement. "We will work to ensure that every family currently residing here retains full ownership of their homes and purchased plots."

EDITORIAL

New water in Bihar politics

In the 1970s, Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan stirred a new spirit of change among the youth of the country, which completely transformed national politics. Not only was the Congress party, which had dominated national politics until then, gradually shrinking, but for the first time, non-Congress governments were being formed not only at the Centre but also in many large states. The youth movement that started in Bihar also brought about new leadership in almost all political parties. However, since then, Bihar politics, especially in the last 35 years, has been limited to just two leaders. There were situations where no one could form a government there without either Lalu Prasad Yadav or Nitish Kumar. Especially for the past 20 years, Bihar politics has been changing in such a way that no matter who wins the elections, it is Nitish who forms the government. The current assembly election campaign pattern reveals that Bihar is now on the path towards political change for the first time. Lalu Prasad has already distanced himself from electoral politics. This is also likely to be the last election for Nitish Kumar. He does not seem to be as confident as before. He came to power in 2005 with the slogan of liberating Bihar from the Lalu Prasad family, which was branded as 'Jungle Raj'. He is known for providing facilities like law and order, protection for women, arresting criminals, primary education and health. Perhaps he is the leader who has been in politics for a long time with the support of women voters across the country. The 2020 Bihar elections were a close contest. The NDA defeated the Mahaghatbandhan by a margin of just .03% of votes. Last year's Lok Sabha elections were also unsatisfactory for the NDA. That is why interest in the current assembly elections will increase. For this reason, the BJP will not dare to push Nitish Kumar aside like in the past. In the past, they tried unsuccessfully to restrain Nitish by using Ram Vilas Paswan during the LK Advani regime and Chirag Paswan during the Modi regime. For the first time, a young leadership is competing for supremacy in Bihar. People like Tejaswi Yadav, Chirag Paswan, Mukesh Sawhney or Prashant Kishor are trying to influence Bihar politics. The India Alliance has already announced Tejaswi Yadav as its chief ministerial candidate. On the other hand, Tejaswi has announced Mukesh Sawhney as its deputy chief minister. The BJP, which does not have a leader with its own public appeal in Bihar politics, is promoting Chirag Paswan. At one stage, he tried to become the chief ministerial candidate. His party was allotted 29 seats beyond his strength. Now, Prashant Kishor, who has served many parties as an election strategist until recently, is entering the electoral arena himself. He has tried to make a strong impression on the people through padayatra for two years. He said that he is relying on the 'wind' that if his party wins, it will get 150 seats, otherwise it will get only less than 10 seats.

In a way, the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' led by Rahul Gandhi two months before the elections received a remarkable response. There were signs that there was serious opposition among the people towards the Nitish Kumar government and that people wanted a change. The Congress, along with its India alliance partners, took part in this yatra with the aim of consolidating support, and all the top leaders of the alliance, including Tejaswi Yadav, Akhilesh Yadav and MK Stalin, participated in it. However, even after the election schedule was announced, Rahul Gandhi did not look at Bihar for two months. On the other hand, the opposition alliance was stuck in the seat adjustment. They could not officially announce the seat adjustments. However, by announcing Tejaswi Yadav as the chief ministerial candidate, the NDA alliance was put on self-defense. Many believe that the BJP is taking strategic steps towards leaving Nitish Kumar after the elections and forming a government on its own by promoting Chirag Paswan. A few days ago, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said that the NDA MLAs would choose the chief ministerial candidate after the elections, while saying that they would go to the polls under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. However, when the opposition alliance announced Tejashwi Yadav as the chief ministerial candidate, the BJP, which was in self-defense, had to name Nitish as the future chief minister. The next day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tried to clarify this issue during his visit to Bihar. However, there is strong opposition within the BJP ranks to Nitish Kumar continuing as the chief minister. They are insistent that their party leader should become the chief minister. Similarly, there is no positivity towards the BJP even within the JDU ranks. It remains to be seen to what extent the exchange of votes between the respective parties will continue properly in such circumstances. However, the strengths of the parties in Bihar are based on caste. Several surveys indicate that 57 percent of people vote based on caste, not party or candidate. By announcing Mukesh Sawhney as the Deputy Chief Minister, it is clear that Tejaswi is trying to undermine the BJP's support among the most backward communities. The law and order situation has become worrisome for some time under Nitish's rule, the selection of candidates has led to confusion even in the two main alliances, and a new generation of voters who are unaware of the 'jungle raj' (rule of the Lalu family) being promoted by the BJP are becoming crucial in the current elections. In fact, Prime Minister Modi has been working hard to gain a foothold in Bihar since 2014. Many new projects related to infrastructure have been taken up. However, due to the lack of strong leadership, the BJP is not able to gain a strong foothold in Bihar. Efforts have been made to strengthen the BJP without Nitish. However, since such efforts have not yielded results, there are now situations where it is inevitable to go to the elections under the leadership of Nitish. The question now arises as to what impact Prashant Kishor will have in these elections. Kishor was among the few who first understood the electoral chaos in the country. Now even as a leader, he has built a party in a very short time. So much so that he has now fielded candidates in 243 constituencies. However, it is alleged that the BJP forced three of Jan Suraj's candidates to withdraw. Once upon a time, politicians used musclemen to come to power. Later, many musclemen themselves became politicians. Similarly, some businessmen who fund politicians have also started entering the political arena to directly influence policies. Then why can't an election strategist become a politician? He started his own party thinking,

Recalling Mumbai's Last Hostage Situation From 2008 - When A Gunman Took Over A Bus

2008 may easily qualify as India's blood-soaked year. Many big cities like Jaipur, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, New Delhi and Guwahati were rocked by serial bombings, killing hundreds and maiming thousands. However, Mumbai remained peaceful. After the train blasts of July 2006, no further terrorism-related incidents were reported in Mumbai. Although the Indian Mujahideen, which confessed to many blasts across the nation, had links in Mumbai, the city remained untouched by their diabolical designs. The popular Bollywood song, 'Ye Bambaai shehar haadson ka shehar hai', charges Bombay to be a city of tragedies. True to its claim, Mumbai couldn't sustain peace for long. After a lull of an initial few months, a wave of fear and anxiety hit the common dwellers of Mumbai. On October 27, 2008, at around 10:30 am, the news trickled in that a double-decker BEST bus numbered 332 had been hijacked at Kurla. As per the initial information, 12 passengers were taken hostage and one was shot. My immediate apprehension was that after conducting bloodbaths across India, the Indian Mujahideen was now back in Mumbai. I got a call from a source in the local police that the hijacker wanted to talk to the media. I hurriedly left for the

spot, which was 14 kilometres away. My colleague Umesh Kumawat was on another shoot, and he rushed towards the spot as well.

I was thrilled with the thought of acting as a hostage negotiator. In my mind, I began preparing on how I should convince the hijacker to release the hostages and surrender. It would be a great learning experience, I thought. However, by the time I reached Kurla, negotiating a traffic jam, everything was over. The hostages were rescued, the area around the bus was cordoned off, the hijacker was killed, and his body was being taken to the hospital. I saw ACP Mohammed Javed standing near the bus, still holding the emptied service revolver in his hand. It was Javed who had first fired on the hijacker and led the police team inside the bus. 'When I entered the bus, I saw him holding a passenger and pointing the gun towards him. I told him to surrender, but he didn't. What should have I done to save that passenger's life? I had to fire,' Javed explained to me. Javed and his team fired over a dozen bullets at the hijacker, of which three pierced his head and one ripped his heart.

The hijacker turned out to be 25-year-old Kundan Singh, aka Rahul Raj, from Patna in Bihar. He was instigated by the hate



campaign against North Indians launched by the MNS chief Raj Thackeray. That year, after Raj Thackeray was arrested on charges of giving provocative speeches, his party workers attacked the North Indians. A few people were lynched by violent mobs. North Indian youngsters, who came to Mumbai to appear in a railway recruitment exam, were thrashed. An enraged Rahul Raj reached Mumbai with a country-made pistol and boarded the BEST bus at Sakinaka. As the bus reached Kurla, he took control of the bus by brandishing the pistol and went on the upper deck and held several passengers as

hostages. Seeing police approach the bus, he started firing randomly, and one bullet hit a passenger. The people around heard him shouting from the window that he didn't intend to harm the passengers but wanted to kill Raj Thackeray.

The encounter ensued a controversy, and a bitter war of words followed between the politicians of Bihar and Maharashtra. Bihari politicians across the party lines condemned the encounter and alleged that no efforts were made by the Mumbai Police to catch Rahul Raj alive. The Maharashtra government retorted by saying

that the police did the right things as per the circumstances. Apart from a chief secretary-level enquiry announced by the Maharashtra government, the doors of the Supreme Court and Patna High Court were also knocked by the petitioners. Although the bus hijacking incident made the citizens of Mumbai fearful, especially those using public transport, it was a minor incident when compared with what the city had endured in the past. At the time, Mumbaikars didn't know that exactly after a month, something was going to happen in their city, which would shake the world.

How To Lose Your Seat In 30 Days?

It has been quite a week in the Supreme Court. The Union Government's petition against the Calcutta High Court's ruling on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was dismissed. The High Court had directed that the 100-day work scheme be restarted in the state from August 1, 2025. This has vindicated what the State has been saying for over three years, that the Centre's denial of dues was political, punitive, and unlawful. That same day, another bench reprimanded the Delhi Police for asking for more time in the Delhi riots bail case, where student activists such as Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, Meeran Haider, Gulfisha Fatima and Shifa Ur Rehman have spent over five years behind bars without trial. Both hearings showed the Court pushing back against long delays and executive overreach. Parliament's understanding of the same issues seems to be moving in the opposite direction. A new bill proposing automatic removal of ministers who spend more than 30 days in custody was introduced in the Lok Sabha in August 2025. This bill claims to promote accountability. However, on close inspection, it undermines the presumption of innocence, destabilises governance, and entrenches inequality. Far from strengthening democracy, it risks weaponising arrests as political tools. It overrides the electorate's will without a judicial conviction and opens a door to political abuse that our Constitution was designed to protect its citizens from.

How to lose your seat in 30 days?

Step 1: Forget voters, forget courts - they no longer decide your fate.

Step 2: Wait for a politically motivated FIR.

Step 3: Get remanded to custody and let procedural delays carry you past Day 30

The Dangerous Shift: Arrest as Guilt

Indian criminal jurisprudence talks about one fundamental principle: innocent until proven guilty. This bill flips that principle on its head by imposing a penalty, loss of office, based solely on arrest and detention. It bypasses trial and conviction entirely. That is precisely the kind of arbitrariness Article 21 forbids. Yet, the bill treats detention as de facto conviction.

This bill, by equating arrest with guilt, overrides the electorate's mandate, weakens separation of powers, destabilises governance, and promotes inequality.

The Supreme Court in its past rulings has emphasised that removal from office must follow due process, not mere allegations. The proposed bill short-circuits this safeguard, imposing a penalty without trial, conviction, or judicial determination of guilt. India's prison population is overwhelmingly made up of undertrials, constituting 75% of the total prison population.

Interestingly, since 2014, at least 12 sitting opposition ministers have been arrested; nine of them from non-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled states. Eight crossed the 30-day custody mark. Under the bill, they would have been automatically stripped of office despite never being convicted.

Why 30 Days?

The bill never explains the 30-day threshold. Pre-trial custody can, and frequently does, extend beyond 30 days because of routine procedural delays. Even under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), default bail is set at 60/90 days; the bill's 30-days requirement has no procedural anchor. By tying ministerial survival to such an arbitrary threshold, the law risks disqualifying leaders before their trials even begin. The bill seems to replace the principle of 'innocent until proven guilty' with 'jobless until granted bail'.

Separation of Powers

The Constitution separates political accountability from judicial and executive actions. Removal from office is fundamentally a political question, settled either by legislatures or by the electorate. The bill collapses this boundary, allowing arrest, an executive act subject to police discretion and judicial oversight, to directly determine political tenure. This dangerously blurs the line between branches of government, inviting misuse.

Unequal Treatment and Disproportionate Impact on Marginalised Groups

The bill also introduces glaring inequities. Under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, MPs and MLAs are disqualified only upon conviction, not upon arrest. This bill creates a two-tier system in viola-



tion of Article 14's guarantee of equality before the law for specific ministers. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data reveals that undertrials are disproportionately drawn from marginalised communities: Around 21% are Scheduled Castes (SC), 9% Scheduled Tribes (ST), 36% Other Backward Classes (OBC), and roughly 19-21% are Muslims. Together, marginalised groups (SC/ST/OBC/Muslims) represent over 85% of undertrials.

Given this context, the bill will disproportionately silence voices from marginalised communities and the parties that represent them.

Destabilising Governance

Consider the consequences if a Prime Minister or Chief Minister is arrested, even briefly. Governance could grind to a halt, destabilising elected governments on the basis of unproven allegations.

Chilling Effect on Opposition

NDA's Manifesto On Bihar Elections Is Evasive, Full Of Vague Promises

Shrewdness is all that reflects NDA's manifesto on Bihar elections released on October 31, 2025, just a week before the first phase of election to be held on November 6. It is elusive. It does say nothing about the plight of Bihar, even though it is the third most populous state after Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, ranking at the bottom in almost all indicators of development. Nevertheless, the document vaguely promises a "Developed Bihar" under NDA, while evading specifics, as if intentionally, so that people can't hold them guilty for broken promises. Perhaps, NDA has nothing to say in respect of the current plight of the state and its people, since it is contesting under the leadership of the same CM Nitish Kumar, who has been ruling the state for the last two decades since 2005. BJP leaders have been shrewd enough not to announce Nitish Kumar as CM face of NDA, but at the same time they have been saying that

their alliance is contesting under his leadership, while they themselves calling the shots with a whispering campaign by the RSS-BJP rank and file that CM will be changed if they will come to power. Sugar quoted words are strewn in the entire NDA manifesto, most of them are without specifics. Most of the promises are vague since they don't reveal how much time they will take to make the promise a reality, and how it will be realized, such as the promise "For a Developed Bihar", the first and foremost promise and the subtitle of the document.

As everyone in Bihar, NDA too is aware of the anti-establishment sentiment prevailing among the youth of the state on account of joblessness among them. No wonder, NDA manifesto gives the first guarantee to youth. "Guarantee to golden future for every youth," it says. To every youth, a job and employment. It promises 1 crore+ government jobs and

employment, to conduct a Skill Census and skill-based employment, and to establish Bihar as a Global Skilling Hub through Mega Skill Centres in every district. However, there is not timeframe mentioned for all these things. Women's have been seen playing significant role in deciding the fate of the political parties in the country in recent times.

This trend has been most prominent in the recently held elections across the country, including Haryana, Delhi, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand. Women's of Bihar has also been playing significant role. CM Nitish Kumar hopes that he will get majority of women's votes because of his certain policies, such as ban on liquor to the more recent CM Women's Employment Scheme, launched just before the election. The manifesto promises Empowerment of women and making them rich and through them and Developed Bihar.

Immediate Measures to Drain Floodwater from Farmlands – District Collector

Staff Reporter, Machilipatnam (Pen Power), October 31: District Collector D.K. Balaji instructed agriculture officials and irrigation engineering assistants to take immediate coordinated action to drain stagnant rainwater from farmlands affected by the cyclone. During a teleconference with Agriculture Officers (AOs) and Irrigation Engineering Assistants (AEs) from his chamber on Friday, the Collector reviewed the situation of flood-affected fields and the condition of drainage canals. He directed officials to identify waterlogged areas and clear blockages such as silt and weeds in irrigation

drains to enable free water flow. Officials reported that drains between Seethanapalli and Neelipudi (Kruttivennu mandal) and near Chorampudi (Bantumilli mandal) were clogged, preventing proper water discharge and affecting nearby fields in Mulaparru and Amudalapalli. They also noted that due to rising water levels in the Krishna River, drainage canals in Nagayalanka and Koduru mandals were overflowing. The Collector emphasized that removing water from farmlands should be treated as a top priority and directed AOs and AEs to act immediately.

Urgent Flood Relief Measures Ordered – District Collector P. Rajababu

Ongole, October 31 (Pen Power):

District Collector P. Rajababu directed officials to take war-footing measures to drain out floodwater from low-lying areas affected by Cyclone Motha.

Accompanied by Joint Collector R. Gopal Krishna, the Collector inspected flood-hit areas in Kottapatnam and Naguluppalapadu mandals. He visited the TIDCO housing area, Alluru ZP High School, Alluru–Alooru bridge construction site, the waste-to-wealth center, and Banking Home canal bridge, instructing officials to clear stagnant water immediately. Later, he visited Chadalawada ST Colony in Naguluppalapadu mandal, interacted with residents, and reviewed facilities at



the rehabilitation center, including food and drinking water arrangements. Locals requested a permanent solution to flooding caused by the Gundlakamma stream; the

Collector assured that road elevation works would be taken up soon. He also directed medical teams to conduct health check-ups for all residents and inspected the

Ramanna Cheruvu in Chadalawada. Officials from Revenue, DRDA, DWMA, Health, Fisheries, Panchayat, and Irrigation departments participated in the visit.

Showcasing National Unity to the World – District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar

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A.S.R. District In-charge.

Paderu, Pen Power, October 31:



country's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister. He recalled Patel's pivotal role in uniting over 565 princely states into the Indian Union through the 1947 Indian Independence Act, including Junagadh,

Hyderabad, and Kashmir. He emphasized that Patel's dedication and commitment to national integrity earned him the title Iron Man of India. The Collector urged everyone to uphold national unity and integrity every day — not just on

Ekta Diwas — to demonstrate India's greatness and unity to the world. Officials from various departments, including Assistant Collector Sahith and DSP S.K. Shahbaz Ahmed, participated in the event.

Collector Harendra Prasad Reviews Preparations for Global Partnership Summit



Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, October 31: District administration is gearing up to host the Global Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam on November 14–15, as part of the Viksit Bharat – Swarnandhra 2047 vision. District Collector M.N. Harendra Prasad reviewed the arrangements at a meet-

ing on Friday. Around 3,000 delegates, including diplomats, ministers, and business leaders from India and abroad, are expected to attend the prestigious event. The Collector directed officials to work in coordination to ensure the summit's grand success, reflecting Visakhapatnam's warm hospitality. He instructed that

special help desks be set up at the airport and railway stations, and that traditional art performances welcome guests. Beautification efforts, greenery, and cultural programs will showcase the city's charm. Arrangements for transport, accommodation, food, water, and security will be made through a detailed plan. The main

venue will be at Andhra University Engineering Grounds, with helipads and meeting rooms being readied for top dignitaries. A control room will be set up at the Collectorate, with the Joint Collector as the nodal officer. The Collector said the summit would enhance Visakhapatnam's reputation on the global stage.

Mega Blood Donation Camp on Police Martyrs' Memorial Day



Amalapuram, Pen Power, October 31: To mark Police Martyrs' Memorial Day, a mega blood donation camp was organized on Friday at Mallidi Kaniki Reddy Kalyana Mandapam in

Ravulapalem. The event was jointly conducted by Amalapuram Area Hospital and Sahhrudaya Foundation. Police officials, staff, public representatives, and social service members par-

ticipated in large numbers. Kothapeta MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao, Jana Sena in-charge Bandaru Srinivasa Rao, Konaseema SP Rahul Meena, DSP Sunkara Muralimohan,

Ravulapalem CI M. Shekhar Babu, and Rural CI Ch. Vidyasagar attended as chief guests. SP Rahul Meena appreciated the donors, stating that "Police martyrs sacrificed their lives for public safety. Donating blood is one of the noblest acts and a true tribute to their sacrifice." MLA Satyananda Rao said that police personnel are the backbone of the nation and it is everyone's duty to remember their services. Over 200 units of blood were collected, and donors received appreciation certificates. Sahhrudaya Foundation representative Paid Rajesh said they would continue to organize such humanitarian activities. CI Shekhar Babu thanked all who supported the successful conduct of the event.

National Unity Day Celebrated Under the Leadership of DIG Gopinath Jatti

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, October 31:

Marking the birth anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) was celebrated grandly at the Visakhapatnam Range Police Office under the leadership of DIG Gopinath Jatti. The DIG paid floral tributes and lit the ceremonial lamp before addressing the gathering. He praised Sardar Patel's vision, courage, and administrative acumen in uniting 562 princely states after Independence, calling his patriotism and spirit of unity an eternal inspiration for all Indians. He urged police personnel to dedi-



cate themselves to maintaining national integrity, public safety, and internal peace, embodying Patel's ideals in their service. Later,

all officers took the National Unity Pledge reaffirming their commitment to the nation's unity and security. The event was attended by

Office Manager Bala Suryarao, officers, and staff. A short film on Sardar Patel's life and contributions was also screened.

Arrangements for Pension Distribution to 2,35,031 Beneficiaries: Collector Keerthi Chekuri



Rajamahendravaram, Oct 31 (Pen Power): District Collector Keerthi Chekuri announced that all arrangements have been made for the distribution of NTR Bharosa Social Security Pensions across the district from November 1. Pensions will be delivered directly to beneficiaries at their doorstep through village and ward secretariats. The enhanced pensions range from ₹3,000 to ₹4,000 for elderly persons, widows, weavers, fishermen, single women, artists, transgender persons, and the differently abled. Severely disabled persons will receive ₹15,000, while patients

suffering from CKDu, kidney ailments, thalassemia, and sickle cell disease will get ₹10,000 per month. A total of ₹103.17 crore will be distributed among 2,35,031 beneficiaries. About 4,975 pension disbursing officials will ensure transparent delivery under close supervision of authorities and public representatives. For example, Rajamahendravaram urban has 28,066 beneficiaries (₹12.39 crore), Rajamahendravaram rural has 19,808 beneficiaries (₹8.79 crore), and Rajanagaram has 15,343 beneficiaries (₹6.77 crore), among others.

Speeding Up Industrial Approvals in Kakinada District

Kakinada, Oct 31 (Pen Power) – District Collector Shanmohan directed officials to expedite pending applications for setting up industries during the District Industries and Export Promotion Committee (DIEPC) meeting held at the Collectorate on Friday. He reviewed approvals under the Single Desk System

and noted that out of 1,259 applications, 1,082 industries have already been granted permissions, while 172 are under departmental review. The Collector instructed officials to resolve all pending cases within the stipulated time. To encourage small and medium enterprises, incentives worth ₹5.75 crore—in-

cluding investment subsidies, interest rebates, and power subsidies—have been sanctioned for 25 production and service units in the district. Officials from various departments including Industries, APIIC, Transport, Factories, Fire, Social Welfare, and representatives of industrial associations attended the meeting.



Will Vijay Come for The Girlfriend?

That's the question fans are eagerly asking as Rashmika's upcoming film The Girlfriend gears up for release. Reports suggest that producer Allu Aravind wants Vijay Deverakonda to attend the pre-release event, and the buzz around whether Vijay will show up for "girlfriend" has become the talk of the town. The on-screen chemistry between Rashmika and Vijay has always been a fan favorite, and their rumored off-screen bond only adds more curiosity to the event.

Directed by Rahul Ravindran, The Girlfriend is a romantic thriller with Rashmika playing the lead role. After the underwhelming response to Manmadhu 2, this film is seen as an important comeback



for Rahul. The team has been promoting the movie actively, the trailer gained attention, and Rashmika's interviews have been drawing steady response from audiences.

However, industry circles feel that Rashmika's brand name alone might not be enough to ensure a strong opening. A joint appearance with Vijay could bring the

much-needed hype and emotional connection to the film's promotions. While Allu Aravind reportedly extended the invite, insiders say the duo hasn't yet confirmed whether they'll share the stage, as they have been careful about making their rumoured relationship public.

The Girlfriend hits screens on November 7, facing very little competition that week. After her recent Bollywood disappointment Thamma, Rashmika is counting on this project. If the film lives up to its intriguing trailer and connects with young audiences, Rashmika could score a solo success and if Vijay shows up for her, it might just be the perfect icing on the cake.

Rajamouli: The Trend Setter For A Reason!

Baahubali: The Epic opened to a huge response at the box office, and it is expected to do big numbers this weekend, with high chances of emerging as the biggest grosser among re-releases eventually. Meanwhile, the film's director also paved the way for other filmmakers to re-release two-part films as a single film.

Following the success of Baahubali: The Epic, we may also see other two-part films, such as Pushpa and KGF, follow a similar path in the future and be re-released as a single part. Once again, Rajamouli became a trendsetter with this movie. To be honest, if Baahubali was re-released in two parts, it might not have become a huge success like a combined single part. People have already watched both parts separately countless times on TV and digital platforms. So, they might not have shown a big interest in the two parts separately. Thus, Rajamouli's idea of providing double dhamaka on a single ticket price worked beautifully.

Initially, people were sceptical about the combined film idea due to its lengthy runtime. But due to massive promotions and inclusion of a few unseen footage, made audiences go to theatres in big numbers. Meanwhile, we hear that Bollywood filmmakers are also trying to implement this strategy. Especially, hit franchises like Hera Pheri, Dhoom, Don, Housefull, Stree, Ek Tha Tiger, Jolly LLB, Singham, and Bhool Bhulaiyaa are trying to implement this strategy by getting re-released as a single part. Thus, Rajamouli,



after setting a trend with pan-India releases, has now set a new trend for re-releases as well. A real trendsetter for a reason!

Bollywood Breaking Rashmika's Success Streak?

Rashmika is currently one of the top actresses in Indian cinema, juggling several projects across the Hindi and South Indian film industries. However, recent trends suggest that her Bollywood film might be slowing down the momentum of her prime career with consecutive flops. Rashmika had a slow start in Bollywood with her first two films, Goodbye and Mission Majnu, being big flops. However, she scored massive hits with her next Hindi films Animal and Chhavaa. In between, she scored a pan-India hit with Pushpa 2 as well. After three consecutive blockbusters, people thought there was no stopping for her career in any film industry. However, the hit streak was broken with Sikandar, which was released in the summer this year. It was a big flop at the box office. But Rashmika came back strong by scoring a decent hit with Kuberaa in June. Again, her successful form was stopped by the recent release, Thamma. Though it was a part of the highly successful Maddock Horror Cinematic Universe, Thamma failed to impress the audience and underperformed at the box office. Rashmika, who had high hopes for this film, faced a big disappointment. Now, she needs a strong comeback to shine at the box office. With these straight flops in Hindi, it remains to be seen if Rashmika becomes conscious in her Bollywood choices. As of now, she is currently awaiting the release of her Telugu film, The Girlfriend, which will hit the screens on November 7. She has Hindi film Cocktail 2 and Telugu film Mysaa in her lineup.



DVV Clarifies On Deal With Prasanth Varma

There have been speculations that director Prasanth Varma, after the blockbuster success of HanuMan, took advances from several production houses, including DVV Danayya of DVV Entertainment. However, the producer has clearly stated that the rumors about them having a financial deal with director Prasanth Varma are not true. In a statement, the production house said that there has been no money transaction, agreement, or professional connection with Prasanth Varma. They called all the ongoing reports false.

DVV Entertainment also asked media houses and social media pages to check facts before sharing such news, so that false information doesn't spread further. "We would like to clarify that the recent speculation regarding advances taken by director Prasanth Varma from DVV Entertainment /Mr. DVV Danayya is completely false and baseless," reads the statement. DVV Danayya's clear stance reflects his production house's commitment to transparency and factual accuracy, reiterating that all reports attempting to link Prasanth Varma to DVV Entertainment in any business or financial manner are entirely incorrect.



Dabang Delhi takes on Puneri Paltan in Pro Kabaddi League final

Hyderabad: The grand finale of Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 promises a contest worthy of the occasion as Dabang Delhi K.C. take on Puneri Paltan at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium in Delhi on Friday.

It's a clash that pits consistency against experience, defensive discipline against attacking flair, and two sides who've been the league's standout performers all season.

The journey to the final has been strikingly similar for both teams, who finished in the top two on the points table. Dabang Delhi, the season 8 champions, edged past Puneri Paltan in a dramatic 6-4 tiebreaker in Qualifier 1 after the scores were locked 34-34 in regulation time. Led by captain Ashu Malik and coached by former Dabang Delhi skipper Joginder Narwal, the capital side has shown remarkable grit in crunch moments – an attribute that's been their hallmark through the season.

Puneri Paltan, meanwhile, bounced back in style, winning their Qualifier 2 clash against Telugu Titans to seal their third final appearance in four seasons. Under Aslam Inamdar's leadership and Ajay Thakur's coaching prowess, the Paltan have set the benchmark this season, finishing atop the league table and boasting one of the most balanced squads in PKL 12. Their ability to rotate raiders and maintain defensive shape has made them a nightmare for opposition teams.

Both sides know each other inside out. They've faced off thrice this season – and all three duels went into the tie-breaker. Each has tested the other's limits, with Dabang Delhi relying on Ashu Malik's explosive raids and the Paltan thriving on their corners' composure and



synchronised tackles.

For Dabang Delhi, the stakes couldn't be higher. With the final being played on home turf, they'll look to draw energy from the crowd and lean on their experienced campaigners such as Fazel Atrachali, Saurabh Nandal, and Ashu Malik. Their defensive unit has grown in confidence with every match, while their ability to close out tight games has set them apart in knockout situations.

Puneri Paltan, on the other hand, will aim to correct last season's heartbreak. They've been the most consistent unit in PKL 12 – combining youth, depth, and discipline. Their raiding department, led by the young and fearless Aditya Shinde alongside Aslam Inamdar, has complemented a rock-solid defence that thrives on teamwork rather than individual brilliance.

Joginder Narwal, the Dabang Delhi K.C. head coach, said his team's return to the final resulted from belief and togetherness. "I'm extremely proud of this group – we've grown together. From the young play-

ers to the senior ones, everyone has stepped up. This isn't about one individual; it's about the collective spirit. The way they've fought through challenges and stayed united makes me believe this team deserves every bit of success it gets," Narwal said.

Head coach Ajay Thakur said the team's unity and discipline have been their biggest strengths. "When I took over as coach, I knew the foundation had to be about togetherness. You can't build a champion side overnight – it takes time, trust and discipline. What I'm most proud of is how united these boys are; their love for each other shows in how they play. We've shown all season that we belong at the top, and now it's about staying calm and giving it everything one last time," said Thakur.

The final, much like their previous encounters, is expected to be decided by the smallest of margins. With both teams evenly matched and confident in their systems, it may come down to who handles the pressure better in the dying minutes.

Jemima Rodrigues: It feels like a dream and still has not sunk in



Hyderabad: Jemima Rodrigues, who scored a brilliant unbeaten 127 to help India score a five-wicket win against Australia in the ICC Women's World Cup semifinal in Mumbai on Thursday night, said that she would thank Jesus and that she couldn't do it on her own. In the post-match interaction, Jemimah, who revealed that she came to know that she would be batting at No.3 only a few minutes before the match, also said she would thank her mom, dad and the coach and every single person who believed in her. "It was re-

ally hard this last month, it feels like a dream and it still has not sunk in. Did not know I was batting at three. Was taking a shower, just told them to let me know," said a visibly emotional Jemimah, who is playing her first ODI World Cup. "Five minutes before entering in, I was told I was batting at No.3. Not about me, I wanted to win this match for India, and wanted to take this through (having lost crunch matches before). Today was not about my fifty or my hundred, about making India win," she said. "Everything that happened so far was a setup for this. Last year, I was dropped from this World Cup. I was in good form. But things kept happening back-to-back, and could not control anything. I have cried almost every day through this tour. Not doing well mentally, going through anxiety. I knew I had to show up, and God took care of everything. Initially, I was just playing and I kept talking

to myself. Towards the end, I was just quoting a scripture from the Bible – to just stand still and that God will fight for me," Jemimah revealed. "I just stood there and he fought for me. A lot inside me was left, but I was trying to stay calm. Seeing India win by five wickets, I could not stop myself. When Harry di (captain Harmanpreet Kaur) came, it was all about one good partnership. Towards the end, I was trying to push myself but was not able to. Deepti spoke to me about every ball and kept encouraging me. When I cannot carry on, my teammates can encourage me. Cannot take credit for anything, I did not do anything (on my own)," Jemimah said. Reflecting on playing in front of her home crowd in Mumbai, Jemimah said that each and every member who chanted, cheered and believed, and for every run they were cheering, that pumped her up.

Indians take part in FIFA Coach Development Programme

Hyderabad: A group of Indian coach educators took part in the FIFA Coach Educators Development Pathway Programme, a five-day intensive course held in Jakarta, Indonesia, organised by the FIFA Coaching Development Department. The Indian contingent included Vivek Nagul (AIFF Head of Coach Development), Sajid Dar, Mariano Dias, Shakti Chauhan, Caetano Pinho, Shekhar

Kerkar, and Parthasarathy Thulasi. The workshop aimed to strengthen the knowledge and capacity of coach educators, focusing on modern coaching principles, advanced educational methodologies, and peer-to-peer learning. The sessions were conducted under the leadership of Branimir Ujevic, FIFA Head of Coach Education, and facilitated by Oscar Díaz, Coaching Development Delivery

Manager for AFC and OFC. Technical expertise was provided by Scott O'Donnell, Savio Medeira, Sean Douglas, and Jamal Alhassani. The programme also served as an important platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange among participants from India, Malaysia, Singapore, and Cambodia, fostering cross-regional dialogue and the sharing of best practices in coach education.